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## **INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97 through 1.98, applicants wish to make known to the Patent and Trademark Office the references set forth on the attached form PTO-1449. This application is a continuation-in-part and relies, under 35 U.S.C. § 120, on the earlier filing date of USAN 08/782,481, filed January 10, 1997. The references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 were submitted to and/or cited by the Office in this prior application and, therefore, are not required to be provided in the present application. However, the following references were not submitted to and/or cited by the Office in this prior application and are submitted herewith:

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Brown and Koshland, "Evidence for a long-range conformational change induced by antigen binding to IgM antibody," Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 74(12): 5682-5686, 1977.

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As to any reference supplied, applicants do not admit that it is "prior art" under 35 U.S. C. §§ 102 or 103, and specifically reserve the right to traverse or antedate any such reference, as by a showing under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 or other method. Although the aforesaid references are made known to the Patent and Trademark Office in compliance with applicants' duty to disclose all information they are aware of which is believed relevant to the examination of the above-identified application, applicants believe that their invention is patentable.

Please acknowledge receipt of this Information Disclosure Statement and kindly make the cited references of record in the above-identified application.

Respectfully submitted,

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